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File No.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special Branch *Schiff*,
REPORT

Date *October* 19, 1937.

Subject (in full) *Delivery of letter addressed to Mr. D. Milne - Australian*
Trade Commissioner informed.

Made by *D.S. Lockwood* Forwarded by *C. J. ...*

On the morning of October 19, 1937, Mr. V. G. Bowden, Australian Trade Commissioner in China, was informed that the letter addressed to Mr. D. Milne had been delivered to a Mr. S. L. Ling at the Central Bank of China. He was also informed that Mr. Ling would acknowledge receipt of the letter if he cared to ring up telephone number 74580 or 70001.

In reply, Mr. Bowden stated that he had received information that Mr. D. Milne was now in Canton. He wished to express his thanks for the action taken by the Police in locating the whereabouts of Mr. D. Milne.

H. L. Lockwood

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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S. 2 Special Branch ~~Station~~,

Date October 16 1937.

Subject (in full) Delivery of letter addressed to Mr. D. Milne.

Made by and Forwarded by Supt. Tan Shao Liang

The letter, addressed to Mr. D. Milne by Mr. Bowden, was delivered by a special messenger to Mr. S.L. Ling at the Central Bank of China this morning. Mr. Ling telephoned stating he is unable to issue a written acknowledgment as it will mean leakage of military secrets. He will however give a verbal acknowledgment if Mr. Bowden will ring him up (Tel No. 74580 or 70001).

Tan Shao Liang
Superintendent.

D. C. (Special Branch)

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Tan M Bowden

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:

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OFFICE OF THE

AUSTRALIAN TRADE COMMISSIONER
IN CHINA

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO:

P. O. Box 1586
SHANGHAI

REFERENCE No.

12 THE BUND

SHANGHAI. 15th October, 1937.

Major K. M. Bourne, M.C.,
Deputy Commissioner of Police,
S. M. Police Headquarters,
185 Foochow Road,
LOCAL.

Dear Major Bourne,

— Acting on your kind suggestion, I
enclose a letter addressed to "D. Milne, Esq." and
should be very grateful if you will have this for-
warded for me.

Yours sincerely,

(V. G. Bowden)

AUSTRALIAN TRADE COMMISSIONER IN CHINA.

P.A.

See my minute on
report to C.P. Ask
S2 to obtain reply please

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15 OCT. 1937

Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai,

15 OCT 1937

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To C.P

I have told Mr. Bowden
we will deliver a letter
for him asking for
confirmation of the safety
of Mr. Milne if he wishes
but we are not prepared to
give further information at
the moment. He agrees.

Karl Bowden

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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S.2 Special Branch ~~XXXX~~

REPORT

Date. October 15, 1937.

Subject. Disappearance of Mr. D. Milne.

Made by and Forwarded by Supt. Tan Shao Liang

Enquiries have been made at the Passport Office, Woosung-Shanghai Martial Law Headquarters and the Shanghai Office of the Waichiao Pu. They have no record of any person bearing this name (D. Milne) having obtained a visa for Nanking or a Military Pass for the trip.

Not satisfied with the above information, I continued enquiries at the Park Hotel. The Chinese Manager, Mr. Lu, informed me confidentially that during his stay in the hotel between August 29 and September 1, Mr. Milne was visited frequently by a Cantonese named Lu Bing Cham, that both went to Nanking at the same time and that all bills for hotel charges, etc. were paid by Mr. ^{Mr. S. L.} S. L. Ling, Departmental Chief of the Central Bank of China, a close follower of Dr. H. H. Kung. Mr. Ling being an acquaintance of mine, was approached for information. He states that D. Milne went to Nanking on Sept. 1 where he has succeeded in obtaining orders for a large consignment of supplies (? war supplies) from Australia. He returned to Shanghai once about a fortnight ago but is now believed to be at Nanking again. Prior to leaving Shanghai on September 1, he is said to have called on the British Consulate-General for advice.

Mr. Ling refuses to reveal the address of Mr. D. Milne at Nanking, but states he is quite safe and Mr. Ling will undertake to deliver all letters addressed to Mr. Milne, c/o ^{St.} Mr. Ling, the Central Bank of China, Shanghai.

Tan Shao Liang
Superintendent.

D. C. (Special Branch)

October 13, 37.

V. G. Bowden, Esq.,
Australian Trade Commissioner in China,
12 The Bund.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 12, 1937, in regard to the disappearance of Mr. D. Milne, and in reply have to inform you that the matter is receiving attention. The result of action taken will be communicated to you in due course.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) E. W. G. ...

Commissioner of Police.

KMC

De L.B.

W. Bowden phones facts to
Mr. He is only interested in his
whereabouts from a safety point
of view
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See if you can find trace
of him in official circles





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AUSTRALIAN TRADE COMMISSIONER
IN CHINA

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO:-

P. O. Box 1580
SHANGHAI

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REFERENCE No.

12 THE BUND

SHANGHAI, 12th October, 1937.

The Commissioner of Police,
Shanghai Municipal Council,
185 Foochow Road,
LOCAL.

Dear Sir,

On the night 31st August last I received a telephone call from a man who described himself as an Australian commercial traveller named D. Milne, and who told me that he was intending to leave the following day by road for Nanking in the hope of being able to secure orders from the National Government for supplies of provisions, uniform cloth, etc., from Australia. He gave me no indication as to when he expected to come back to Shanghai, but as my Government has asked me to interest myself in the safety of Australians here I enquired of the Park Hotel on 5th instant as to whether he had returned. They replied that he had left on 1st September for Nanking, leaving no forwarding address, and that they had had no subsequent news of him. I also had enquiries made of the Cathay, Metropole and Palace Hotels and at Cathay Mansions and Medhurst, and was told that he had not registered at any of these.

I then wrote (on 5th inst.) to the British Consulate-General here asking if they had any knowledge of his movements and was informed verbally that they had no record of him here but had wired to the Consulate in Nanking enquiring regarding him. Yesterday Mr. A.G.N. Ogden telephoned me that a reply had been received from the Consulate in Nanking to the effect that they could find no trace of him there.

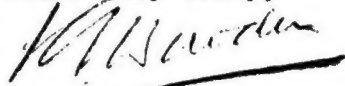
I am making further enquiries in Nanking through private (Australian) channels, as it would seem really to be there that one must look for him, but in order to satisfy myself that he has not returned here I should be very grateful if you would make such enquiries as you can here with a view to learning anything you can regarding his movements.

I may say that, from his conversation with me by telephone, it would seem that he was in touch with Chinese here who had been advising him regarding his trip to Nanking. I would add further that I have never met the man himself and know nothing of him except for his telephone conversation with me above referred to.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind co-operation in this matter,

I am,

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'V. G. Bowden', written over a horizontal line.

(V. G. Bowden)

AUSTRALIAN TRADE COMMISSIONER IN CHINA.